THE FOUNDER FIRE

NEWS AND VIEWS OF THE FOUNDER FELLOWSHIP

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CHEERING THE WINNERS

RECORD CAMPS AT MINIWANCA !

Miniwanca camping in 1965 proved to be the same challenging, enriching, exciting experience it has been for so many years. The stimulation of contacts with faculty members and leaders and with campers from other states and countries, the challenge of the classroom, the fun of tribal activity...all of these and more added up to self discovery and dedication to Christian leadership and service.

Over 1800 campers and leaders participated in our Founder program. With approximately 800 participants in the Danforth Foundation conferences held on the grounds, it brings the total of those in attendance at Miniwanca to over 2600 persons.

Geographic representation was again widespread. Campers came from every state, including Hawaii and Alaska; from Canada, Australia, Peru, Germany, Japan, British West Indies, and the Virgin Islands.

The tribal races added the usual fun and rivalry. In the Older Girls Camp the DAKOTAS barely nosed out the Blackfeet. Chiefs were: Blackfoot, JORY BLAKEMORE; Crowfoot, KATHERINE BUCHHOLTZ; Dakota, MARIE KRAUS; Iroquois, JUDY ANGERMEYER; Navajo, SUE STEIGER; Susquehanna, ELIZABETH EARLY. In Boys Camp the victors were the NAVAJOS,with the Iroquois coming in second. Chiefs were: Blackfoot, BILL FLETCHER; Crowfoot, SCOTT HUNTER; Dakota, ROBERT KOTTKAMP; Iroquois, BRUCE YORK; Navajo, CALVIN JOHNSON; Susquehanna, CHARLES BREMER!

In the Older Girls Camp, 35 members of the ECETU Class returned for their fourth year and graduation. ANN TUKEY has served as Mentor of this class, and the graduation speaker was BARNEY BLAKEMORE, honorary member of the Ecetu Class. Other classes in OG were third year Kinsiyas with SALLIE EKERN as their Mentor, second year Wowidakes with Mentor JEAN BOOKER, and the first year class, more than 300 strong who organized themselves into the Nakaha Class with BETTY REEVES as their Mentor.

As Older Boys Camp came to a close, the graduation sermon for the AKICETU Class was given by ALLEN MILLER. DAVE WARREN and JET THOMAS have served as Mentors for the fourth year men. Other classes in the Older Boys Camp were the third year Tawacins with CHARLIE KELLEY as their Mentor, second year Wicasta Class, under the guidance of JET THOMAS, and 316 first year men who organized into the Tawatenya Class and chose BOB WATSON for their Mentor. The Home Ec Seniors in OG Camp were 51 strong, representing every state in the US. A fine group of 43 men composed the Ag. Senior group in OB.

Good spirit characterized the Older Girls Camp A special feature in this program was the Miniwanca Theater with each tribe and the leader group presenting a "modern version" of one of the well-known fairy tales. The leaders chose "Snow White" for their dramatic presentation. Can you imagine BILL OLIVER as a YB Camper lost in the Girls Camp, HORACE as Snow White, DORTY as Sleepy Dwarf, SANDY BALL as Happy Dwarf, and SALLIE EKERN as Bashful Dwarf? Come again? Bashful!!

Older Boys Camp began and finished with a fast pace and real spirit. One of the highlights of this camp was the annual Rodeo which was run off with precision under the dynamic leadership of Athletic Director JOE WHITWAM and several able assistants.

Under the able leadership of DOROTHY JEAN KERR and BOB WATSON the Younger Girls and Boys Camps had fine seasons.The boys had an Olympia Day in which campers became representatives of Ghana, West Germany, Thailand or USSR. It was a day of activity ranging from kite making to debating, water polo, sand modeling and folk singing.

The picture below is of the boys climbing Old Baldy on a sunny day. Over the tops of the trees in the background is Stony Lake.

MEETINGS OF FOUNDER FELLOWSHIPS

THE BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON FELLOWSHIP, organized last year, had their second reunion on Sunday, September 19th. It was held at Fort Hunt in Virginia. Campers came together from various locations in Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Virginia to enjoy an afternoon of songs, slides, and brief devotions. JOHN FOLTZ, President,was in charge of arrangements and served as Master of Ceremonies. Director WILLIAM P. OLIVER, JR. attended, and reports a fine get-together. Newly elected officers are: BILL ANDERSON,President, CLIFF DOUGHERTY, Vice President, LEE TIDBALL, Secy-Treas.

ANDERSON, INDIANA FOUNDERS meet several times a year. A pre-camp session was held in July at the home of BARBARA (Onksen) BEATY, and a post camp reunion group met in late August at the home of KATHY MATTER. Anderson campers and leaders are an unusually active, enthusiastic crowd!

THE ST. LOUIS FOUNDER FELLOWSHIP will hold their annual banquet on Saturday night,January 29th, 1966 at Union Methodist Church. St. Louisans - save the date!

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Sailing is a favorite activity at Miniwanca. Instruction in sailing is offered in all camps.

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W O O D S D O R M I T O R Y

The very attractive James H. Woods Dormitory was completed in time for use this past summer by the men of the Miniwanca Workstaff. It is a two-story building, providing housing for 44 men. An apartment is attached for housing a supervisory couple. It is located across Stony Creek from the Main Camp area between Benona Lodge and the Camp Maintenance Building. Staff, workstaffers and campers were pleased to be hosts to a number of trustees and special guests who came for the dedication on August 24th. It was a very significant occasion, with the entire personnel of the Older Boys Camp attending the service.

The new dorm is a much needed and very much appreciated addition to the buildings at Miniwanca. It not only provides housing for Workstaff men but offers program enrichment for the entire Workstaff. Our gratitude goes to the Woods family for this magnificent gift to the Foundation.

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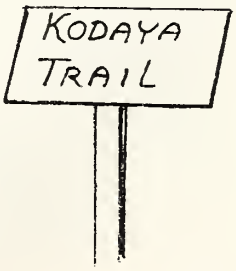
K O D A Y A T R A I L

During his years at Miniwanca, KODAYA often walked a trail of his own making, striking off to the left at the approach to the entrance bridge over Stony Creek, and leading toward Benona Lodge and the site of the new Woods Dorm. In July the trail was officially named the Kodaya Trail. Kodaya and Mrs. Warmingham came for the informal dedication on July 25th. It was good to have them with us at Miniwanca!

The Warminghams continue to make their home at 170 West Home Street, Westerville, Ohio.



NEWS AND VIEWS

Our congratulations to AYF Trustee ALBERT R. GREMSE who has recently been elected Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of his company - Blount Brothers Corporation. It is indeed a well merited recognition! Al attended the 34th International Conference of the Financial Executives Institute in Los Angeles, Oct. 30 to Nov. 3...DR. KATHRYN HUXTABLE recently returned from her Ford Foundation assignment in Pakistan and is now senior instructor in the Department of Pediatrics at Western Reserve Medical School and assistant director of the Pediatric Out Patient Department of Cleveland Metropolitan Hospital. Dr. Kay hopes to come back to OG at Miniwanca next summer... OB Camper ANDY MILLER is stationed at the Naval Communication Station, Guam. He is the Protestant Chaplain's assistant on the base, and works as a secretary for the chaplain. He sings in the Senior Church Choir and is Director of the Children's Choir. Andy has found time to complete his third year work by correspondence and hopes to graduate at OB next summer...

At Deaconess Hospital commencement in St. Louis last spring JANET HOETKER was given special recognition for her fine work in nursing and her leadership...CHARLES "Chuck" MISHLER is working on a Doctorate in Education at Mich. State Univ...JINNY (Johnson) CARBAUH is on the staff of the National Academy of Sciences National Research Council in Washington, D. C. She has become an international authority and consultant on electrets. She does private consulting in the US and abroad...Last spring Eaton Rapids Camper, CHERYL ANN PLUMER won Michigan's "Homemaker of Tomorrow" award, receiving a $1500 scholarship.

WADJEPI and MRS. ORWIG celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 23rd. Congratulations from Founders everywhere! The Orwigs are presently at their St. Louis home, 6822 Waterman Ave.,St. Louis, Mo. 63130...MARY JANE (Kase) DAVIS is now living in Birmingham,Mich. at 17361 Dunblaine...A copy of the 1956 Ag.Sr. newsletter - "The Sindecruise," recently came to the Founder office. It was edited by ROBERT L. GRAHAM and contains interesting news about the members of the group, and a message from EARL SINDECUSE...MAXINE BURCH and VON DELL GLASER are working with the Camp Fire Girls headquartering in Omaha...Last spring a fine honor came to HARRY LABOUR when he was named Delaware's Industrial Arts Teacher of the Year. He and EDITH stopped at the Founder office on their way to Tulsa,Oklahoma, where he received an award at the American Industrial Arts Association convention...Grad LOUISE (Orcutt) CLEVELAND is a member of the Faculty of the English Department at Monmouth College in N.J. ...ELEANOR (Weekes) GRUMAN and husband LARRY, former Miniwanca faculty member, are now in Madison, Wis., where he has become the Minister of First Congregational Church...While JUDY BORTNER pursues her graduate studies at the Univ. of Wis., she serves as housemother to 50 business college students living at the Hotel Loraine in Madison, Wis...JAMES "Jet" THOMAS was ordained into the Baptist Ministry in June. He is presently a Freshman Dean at Harvard...LEILA ANDERSON writes from the Philippines,where she is doing Christian Education work, that because her station wagon doesn't always make it over the rough roads, she has ordered a three wheeled motorcycle!...

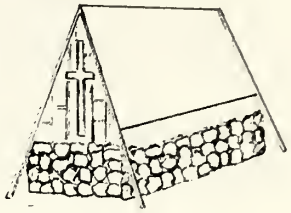
Wicasta Class President, HOWARD WILLIAMS has been elected President of the Future Farmers of America. Our congratulations to you, Howard! Other Founders elected to National FFA offices are JAMES STITZLEIN and JOSEPH DETRIXHE...For the ninth time, St. Louisan ROBERT "Bob" SMITH has received the National Quality Award presented by the Mass. Mutual Life Insurance Co...Former Merrowvista faculty member ED DYER, presently Rector of Christ Episcopal Church, Milford, Delaware, has received a Doctorate of Education degree from Temple University...BETH McKINSEY is with her parents in Orissa, India, where her father is serving on a government commission. Beth plans to be back for OG in 1966...Current OB Camper DAVID WOOD has been recommended for a four year radio-television-motion picture scholarship at the U. of N. C. at Chapel Hill. Congratulations, David!...BETTY VAN DER SMISSEN is Associate Professor of Recreation at Penn. State U...Among campers who attended the Nat'l 4-H Club Congress in Chicago was MARTHA BEARDSWORTH of N.J...CHARLES TIMBERLAKE completed comprehensives for his Ph.D. at the U. of Washington, and is presently in Helsinki , Finland,conducting research under the American Council of Learned Societies. He writes: "We have a beautiful and spacious house overlooking the Baltic and would be glad to welcome any Miniwancans who happen this way - telephone 884136." ...

SALLIE EKERN is abroad this year, teaching at a mission school. Her address: The Community School, Box 1505, Teheran, Iran...Former St. Louis camper, JIM BURNHAM is working for Goodyear in Beaumont, Tex. He would like to hear from nearby campers. Address: 2345 Nall St., Port Neches, Texas...NORMA WILDER is back in the States, following her Peace Corps experience in Guatemala. She is finishing her college work at Beloit in Wisconsin...

M E R R O W V I S T A N E W S

MERROWVISTA FAMILY CAMP marked one of the highlights of the camp session in New Hampshire last summer. With ten families registered for the week's camp, Merrowvista entered a new phase of its expansion program. Emphasis was placed on the family having opportunity for total family activities. Those present made active use of the lake and mountains.

Our total summer enrollment reached a new high with both the Girls Camp and the Boys Camp registering eighty-three campers. Our staff came from some twenty states to give us a most representative camp. With JUNE BELLI again directing the Girls Camp and JOE FREEMAN, a long-time leader from Florida heading the Boys Camp, we had the strongest leadership staff we have ever had. Several long-time Founders were on the faculties this summer including ALICE HALE BAKER, AGNES GOWDY, BILL OVERHOLT, BOB NEUBAUER and JOHN PICKERING.



The Holbrook Chapel at Merrowvista is now closed in, ready for winter, and the interior work will continue through the winter. We are hoping for a spring completion of this lovely A Frame chapel which looks out upon the Ossipee Mountains. In addition to this building,our expansion continues with the addition of two new hogan villages and extensive remodeling in the Farmhouse, providing the camp with an attractive and comfortable reception lounge centered around a new,raised hearth fireplace,and a very adequate remodeled office.

Plans are underway for the 1966 summer season and registrations are already coming in. We are hoping for continued, modest expansion and will appreciate recommendations of camp prospects from former Founder campers. We anticipate doubling the Family Camp enrollment. See back page for 1966 dates.

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SCHOLARSHIP FUND . . . January and February are designated as special months for receiving contributions to the camp Scholarship Fund. Each year we have more requests than we can fill for scholarship help, especially for returning campers, eager to continue their Founder camping. This is your invitation to have a part in this project. Any amount from $1 up is welcome! Several full scholarships of $75 and a number of half scholarships are given each year. Please make check or money order payable to American Youth Foundation.

CURRENT CAMPERS . . . We are using HOME ADDRESSES on address-o-graph plates. Please ask your parents to forward mail to your college addresses where necessary. On third class mail additional postage will be necessary.

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The "SKYWALK" BRIDGE over the Stony Lake road was completed and in use this past summer. It is a great safety asset to campers going to and coming from the waterfront. Funds for the bridge were provided by Younger Girl and Boy parents and by Pennsylvania campers. Costs have not been completely covered. Contributions are welcome!

FOUNDER ARRIVALS . . . John Robert to Mr. & Mrs. John H. Dennis (JEAN CONRATH); Elizabeth Grace to Mr. & Mrs. Dennis W. Haas (TOMSA STEWART); Scott Lester to Mr. & Mrs. Harmon L. Andrews (DORIS KITZMAN); Susan Jill to Mr. & Mrs. John J. Steinberger, Jr. (RUTHANNE DAVIS); Scott Edwin to Mr. & Mrs. Ed Streed (MARY FRAN PATTERSON); William Harry III "Chips" to Mr. & Mrs. WILLIAM H. JELLEMA, Jr.; Trevor Stahl to Rev. & Mrs. Kendall Link ("JODY" MONTGOMERY); Karen Ann to DR. & MRS. AUGUST GEISE (CAROLINE HOOPES); Benjamin Kase to Mr. & Mrs. W.W. Woods Davis (MARY JANE KASE); Christopher Alan to Mr. & Mrs. John Wood (PAT WALWORTH); Heather Louise to Mr. & Mrs. James W. Harris (MARTHA HUXTABLE); Brooke Ann to Mr. & Mrs. Wm. B. Bero Sr. (JOSEPHINE HOYT); a daughter to Mr. & Mrs. Hale Davenport (JEAN STRIGHT).

F O U N D E R W E D D I N G S

JEANNETTE ARBURUA to D. H. Dow; ELLEN CARTER to Ronald E. Beanblossom; BONNIE K. CRAIG to John R. Hiday; VERA DEAN to Max L. Webel; SUSAN DECKERT to Jay Buckley; NANCY EARLY to ROBERT E. WAGONER; JOSEPHINE GAMBRELL to Paul K. Gable, Jr.; JACQUELINE GROSSE to CHARLES J. VOSBRINK; BONNIE JO HARTWICK to Ervin G. Schuster; ANN HUXTABLE to Jacob F. Palomaki; GWYNETH JONES to EDWIN J. AUGUSTINE; JANICE LAWTON to C. H. Trottier; JANE McCANN to Jon Carlson; NANCY NIEHOFF to John F. Miller; CATHERINE "Kitty" PAPE to William Alexander; DONNA GAIL PLYMALE to Craig Michel; MARCIA RIVES to Kenneth Hodgson; PATRICIA ROBERTS to Alan H. Evans; BARBARA JEAN SCROGGY to Wayne E. Van Dellen; BARBARA STEINFELD to Robert F. Furer; Sandra Stroup to DANIEL G. KELLEY; HOPE SWISHER to Rolf Henriksson; PEGGY ANN THOMPSON to Wayne G. Benz; LUCILE WHAN to Walter Simpson; Sue Montgomery to STEPHEN H. WOLKEN . . .

I N M E M O R I A M

MARY HOFFSTETTER ABERLE, HARRY F. FERRIS, ARTHUR H. GASTORF, SAM F. HALL, MARY LUPHER, LIZBETH SNEDDON, and DENTON K. SWARTWOUT (Trustee).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STAFF AND CAMP PERSONNEL

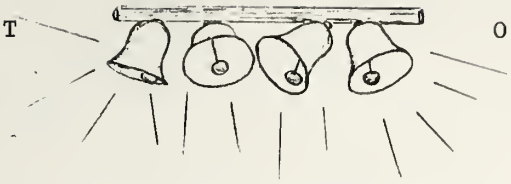
The Foundation welcomes inquiries and recommendations regarding highly qualified men and women to serve as ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS ON THE FOUNDATION STAFF. Present needs are for persons trained to do program work.

At Miniwanca there is a fine opening for a COUPLE to take charge of WORKSTAFF PROGRAM AND SUPERVISION. The couple will be housed in the new Woods Dormitory, an exceedingly attractive setting.

The staff will appreciate recommendations of qualified persons to serve on FACULTY AND AS CABIN LEADERS in the Miniwanca OLDER GIRLS AND BOYS CAMPS. There is special need for men - teachers, youth leaders, parents, to staff the Older Boys Camp.

YOUNGER GIRL AND BOY CAMP LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES at Miniwanca and Merrowvista are open to qualified young men and women who have completed at least one year of college.

WORKSTAFF spots are open at Miniwanca and Merrowvista for a limited number of applicants preferably 18 years of age and over. These young people work in the kitchens and in maintenance jobs on the grounds.

ORWIG GIFT  OF CARILLON

MR. and MRS. PRESTON G. ORWIG have presented a carillon to Camp Miniwanca. It is a Schulmerich carillon similar to that found in Bach Tower and in many chapels and churches. The process in the manufacture of the chimes produces tones absolutely true to the best bells. The sound is produced by miniature electronic bells struck by metal hammers. The tones are amplified and the loud speakers in the church tower pick up the tones so that they can be heard in the surrounding countryside.

A dedicatory service was held on Sunday morning, August 22nd. In presenting the carillon WADJEPI stated that he and Mrs. Orwig had in mind the following purposes: to add an element of enrichment to the worship services in the Church of the Dunes; to provide a benedictive note at the close of each camp day; to make the Foundation's Christian purpose felt in the Stony Lake community as residents hear the chimes played each evening and on Sundays.

The Orwigs felt it appropriate to make this gift to the American Youth Foundation in the year of their 50th wedding anniversary. It is indeed a magnificent gift, and Trustees, Staff, and all connected with the Founder Fellowship are grateful to Wadjepi and Mrs. Orwig.

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A recording of the carillon dedication service has been made, and records can be made for any who wish to order them. The cost would be between $3.50 and $4.50 per record, depending upon the number of orders received. If you would like to order one or more records, please write us on a government post card stating your name, address, and number of records desired. Deadline for placing your orders is February 1st. After that date, records will be made and mailed, and statements of cost will be sent. Remember the order date - February 1st.

CURRENT CAMPERS - Remember the personal goals you set and wrote out for yourselves last summer? We hope they will help you in a real growth program this year and in the future.

ZIP CODES!! When you write us, please include zip codes with your addresses. On January 1, 1967, it will become obligatory to have these numbers on all mail. You can help us greatly if you will furnish this information when you write.

MOVED? CHANGED YOUR NAME? Please send corrections promptly on blank - OVER.

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A Founder wallet calendar is enclosed. The Miniwanca beach picture was taken by photographer Bob Kurt. We hope it will be a reminder of camp days and of Founder ideals.

Merry Christmas! *Happy New Year!*

The AMERICAN YOUTH FOUNDATION

Bill Oliver
Marie "Horace" Shaver
Dorothy Jean "Dorty" Kerr

If you have a new address or a new name, please fill out and return this slip promptly to THE AMERICAN YOUTH FOUNDATION, 3460 Hampton Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63139

NAME _____

(Girls - if married give maiden name - also husband's initials)

NEW STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

(Former Address _____)

YEARS IN CAMP (such as '41, '53) _____

(As Camper) (As Leader)

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MINIWANCA CAMP DATES 1966

YOUNGER BOYS.....JUNE 22 - JULY 26

YOUNGER GIRLS.....JUNE 23 - JULY 27

OLDER GIRLS.....AUGUST 1 - AUGUST 14

OLDER BOYS.....AUGUST 15 - AUGUST 28

MERROWVISTA CAMP DATES 1966

GIRLS CAMP.....JUNE 26 - JULY 23

FAMILY CAMP.....JULY 24 - JULY 30

BOYS CAMP.....AUGUST 3 - AUGUST 31

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